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Presidents

Welcome to the 4th issue of the Central Illinois Teaching with Primary Sources Newsletter, a collaborative project between the An Adventure of the American Mind / Teaching with Primary Sources Programs at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Eastern Illinois University.

Presidents are the focus of the January 2007 issue. The Spotlight on Central Illinois looks at the Lincoln Douglas debates in Illinois.

The Topic Collections provide primary sources on presidents from images to film. We have designated an area with lesson plans and activities to use in your classroom. Each lesson plan indicates the grade level it was created for. Teachers know the ability level of their students, so you may choose a part of a lesson or to elaborate as you see fit.

We want to hear from you! Please share your comments and ideas!

Learning with Lincoln Institute—Summer 2007

We are thrilled to announce a new program! The SIUE and EIU programs are each facilitating a Learning with Lincoln Institute in anticipation of the Bicentennial Celebration of the birth of President Abraham Lincoln.

Educators are invited to apply to be part of this special project. Educators from all disciplines and grade levels who have participated in TPS/AAM programs or are experienced working with the Library of Congress resources are encouraged to participate.

During the Learning with Lincoln Institute a select group of educators representing a variety of grade levels and disciplines will collaborate and develop teaching materials. With the underlying theme of President Abraham Lincoln, educators will attend two full and one half day workshops focusing on pedagogy, best practices and interdisciplinary instruction.

In addition, small excursions and/or guest speakers will facilitate discussion on content integration. The objective of the learning experiences incorporating digitized primary sources from the collections of the Library of Congress. The institute will conclude with an event at the Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library and Museum that will be attended by participants of both programs, will feature a unique tour, special guests and lunch.

Participating teachers will create an exemplary learning experience that will be shared with the Library of Congress Education Outreach Division and will receive other incentives. Only ten participants will be selected for this program from each partner to ensure the highest quality learning experiences.

Learn about program details at the website of the program you previously worked with.

SIUE information is available at http://www.siue.edu/education/aam/institute.htm

EIU information can be found at http://www.eiu.edu/~eiutps/lwli

Applications must be received by February 12, 2007.
Though he made much of the inconvenience that such a program would cause him, Douglas agreed on July 24 to a series of seven debates with Lincoln at Ottawa, Freeport, Jonesboro, Charleston, Galesburg, Quincy and Alton. The dates and the conditions of the debates were to be decided later. Here you can see the letters between Lincoln and Douglas discussing the debates. In the Abraham Lincoln Papers you can find letters pertaining to these debates. Some of the items included are a letter from James G. Wright to Abraham Lincoln discussing pamphlets distributed for the debate in Charleston.

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**Topic Connections**

**Prosperity and Thrift: The Coolidge Era and the Consumer Economy, 1921-1929**

To many Americans, Calvin Coolidge embodied the frugality they sought in their lives. The image he presented in numerous photographs and films was that of a simple man who endorsed plain living. Pictures of him as a rural Vermonter working in the fields of his family’s Plymouth Notch farm emphasized traditional values and thriftiness and allayed popular anxieties about excess and indulgence. It was an image that served him well and that he actively promoted in his electoral and public-relations campaigns.

**Special Presentations:**

- **Introduction to Prosperity and Thrift**
- **Guide to People, Organizations and Topics in Prosperity and Thrift**

**Thomas Jefferson Papers**

This is the largest collection of original Jefferson documents in the world. Document types in the collection as a whole include correspondence, commonplace books, financial account books, and manuscript volumes. Well documented are his two administrations as president from 1801 through 1809, when he engineered the purchase of the Louisiana territory and maintained American neutrality in the conflict between France and Great Britain that led to the War of 1812.

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**American Sphinx**

**The Jamestown Records of the Virginia Company of London**

**America and the Barbary Pirates**

**Abraham Lincoln Papers**

Items in the Abraham Lincoln Papers date from 1833 through 1916. But most of the
approximately 20,000 items are from the 1850s through Lincoln's presidential years, 1860-65. Treasures in this collection include Lincoln's draft of the Emancipation Proclamation, his March 4, 1865, draft of his second Inaugural Address, and his August 23, 1864, memorandum expressing his expectation of being defeated in the upcoming presidential election.

In 1919, Robert Todd Lincoln deposited the Lincoln Papers with the Library of Congress and on January 23, 1923, he deeded them to the Library. The deed stipulated that the Lincoln Papers remain sealed until twenty-one years after his own death. On July 26, 1947, the Lincoln Papers were officially opened to the public.

Special Presentations:
The Emancipation Proclamation http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/almintr.html
The Lincoln Assassination http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/alhtml/alintr.html
Decades before the invention of radio and television, sheet music was a means of expressing popular attitudes toward public figures and current events. The sheet music collected concerning Lincoln's campaigns, beliefs, political platforms, and assassination provides a unique view of his popularity during his years at the center of public attention. In the years after his death, songs about Lincoln were written and published as remembrances, commemorations, and laments. Lincoln funeral marches continued to be published well into the 1880s.

The James Madison Papers http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison_papers/index.html
This collection documents the life of the man who came to be known as the Father of the Constitution" through correspondence, personal notes, drafts of letters and legislation, an autobiography, legal and financial documents, and miscellaneous manuscripts. Correspondence and notes trace his two terms as the fourth president of the United States, illuminating the origins and course of the War of 1812 and the post-war years of his presidency and subsequent retirement.

Special Presentations:
Timeline 1751-1836 http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison_papers/mjmtime1.html
An Introduction to the Life and Papers of James Madison http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison_papers/mjmlife.html
James Madison Ciphers http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/collections/madison_papers/mjmciphers.html
William McKinley and the Pan-American Exposition http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/papr/mckhome.html
The twenty-eight films of this collection are actuality motion pictures from the Paper Print Collection of the Library of Congress. They include footage of President William McKinley at his second inauguration; of the Pan-American Exposition in Buffalo, New York; of President McKinley at the Pan-American Exposition; and of President McKinley's funeral. The films were produced by the Edison Manufacturing Company from March to November 1901. The company, founded by inventor Thomas Alva Edison, operated from 1893 to 1917.
I Do Solemnly Swear: Presidential Inaugurations is a collection of approximately four hundred items or two thousand digital files relating to inaugurations from George Washington's in 1789 to George W. Bush's inauguration of 2001. It includes diaries and letters of presidents and of those who witnessed inaugurations, handwritten drafts of inaugural addresses, broadsides, inaugural tickets, programs, prints, photographs and sheet music. The fifteen hundred citations on inaugurations from Washington to Nixon include general categories such as weather, balls, Bibles, or music, as well as references to individual inaugurations. There are primary-source references to items in certain divisions in the Library but many are to secondary sources, all of which are in the Library's collections, and most of which are available in public libraries.

Special Presentations:
- Presidential Inaugurations: Historical Insights-A Video Presentation http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pivid00.html
- Presidential Inaugurations: Words and Images http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/piword00.html
- Presidential Oaths of Office http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pioaths.html
- Precedents and Notable Events http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pinotable.html
- Bibles and Scripture Passages http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pibible.html
- Presidential Inaugurations: A Selected List of References http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/freitag_toc.html

Presidential Inaugurations
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/pihtml/pihome.html

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Prints and Photographs Division staff selected this set of 156 portraits of presidents and first ladies from those items in the division's file of popular demand images for which no copyright restrictions are known. In addition to posing for formal portraits, several of the forty-one presidents also appear in military settings or informal surroundings. The first ladies' portraits depict thirty-six wives of thirty-five presidents. The women's portraits often focus on their faces and are details from larger prints and photographs. One elaborate scene depicts the wedding of Frances Folsom and Grover Cleveland. All twenty-century wives are included, but some of the early nineteenth-century first ladies are not represented because few of their portraits exist.

Special Presentations: Timeline of Presidents and First Ladies

The Words and Deeds Collection contains many unique primary sources with a connection to many of our U.S. Presidents. Some examples are a subpoena served to President Thomas Jefferson to testify against Vice President Aaron Burr for treason, President George Washington's first inaugural address, a page from Abraham Lincoln's student sum book and a note from Jack Ruby to attorney Elmer Gertz while in prison after killing Lee Harvey Oswald. These are a few of the many primary sources found in the Words and Deeds collection, to find more do a search for presidents in this collection.

Special Presentations: Collecting, Preserving, and Researching History

More on the Web

The White House Website

American Experience: The Presidents

Public Papers of the President of the United States

Portraits of the Presidents from the National Gallery
Lesson Plans, Presentations and Activities

**Lesson Plans:**

- **George Washington:** Honor and Passion for Glory
  Grade 8-12
  [http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/gw/gw1.html](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/gw/gw1.html)
- **The Happy Progress of our Affairs**
  Grade 8-12
  [http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/gw/gw2.html](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/lessons/gw/gw2.html)
- **Integrity and Firmness in all I can Promise**
  Grade 8-12

**Activities & Presentations:**

- **Elections Grade 5-12**
  [http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/election/home.html](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/election/home.html)
- **Inaugurations Grade 5-12**
  [http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/inaug/theatre.html](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/inaug/theatre.html)
- **Presidents as Poets**
  [http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/prespoetry/index.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/program/bib/prespoetry/index.html)
- **It’s no Laughing Matter Analyzing Political Cartoons**
  [http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/political_cartoon/](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/features/political_cartoon/)
- **America’s Library (Elementary)**
  Meet Amazing People: Presidents
  [http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents](http://www.americaslibrary.gov/cgi-bin/page.cgi/aa/presidents)

**Webcasts:**

- **Chase for Lincoln’s Killer**
- **Woodrow Wilson’s Right Hand**
- **My Dear President: Letters between Presidents and their Wives**
- **First Daughters: Letters between U.S. Presidents and their Daughters**
- **The People and the President**

There are many more webcast that pertain to U.S. Presidents. Just do a search for Presidents in the webcast site.

**Wise Guides:**

- **Dynamite Presidents**
  [http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/aug03/presidents.html](http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/aug03/presidents.html)
- **The First Ten Presidents**
  [http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/sept05/presidents.html](http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/sept05/presidents.html)
- **When Inauguration Day was in August**
  [http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/aug04/inauguration.html](http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/aug04/inauguration.html)
- **Did Jefferson Scream for Ice Cream?**
  [http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/aug06/icecream.html](http://www.loc.gov/wiseguide/aug06/icecream.html)

**What’s New at LOC.GOV?**

**Remembering Gerald R. Ford**

[http://www.loc.gov/today/ford/](http://www.loc.gov/today/ford/)

Former U.S. President Gerald R. Ford passed away at the age of 93. The 38th president of the United States, Gerald Ford took office when the Watergate scandal forced Richard Nixon from the presidency. He is best known as a man who helped the country get through this dark period in American political history.

From this site you can hear President Ford’s speech at the National Press Club on June 6, 1988, to inaugurate the first annual Gerald R. Ford Foundation journalism prizes, the Q & A session, read an essay on President Ford with a bibliography and more.

**User Tip**

"American Memory’s search pages can yield hundreds (even thousands) of items - which can be both daunting and time consuming. The Learning Page Pathfinders make it easier to browse through the collections to get a quick sense of what’s in the collections. Pathfinders group the American Memory collections into five basic categories: Events, People, Places, Time, and Topics. Try a quick browse through these Pathfinders to narrow the number of collections that have information on your subject." Pathfinders for Browsing,

[http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/gs_src_path.html](http://memory.loc.gov/learn/start/gs_src_path.html)
**Image Sources (Collection & Image Title)**

Library of Congress
The Lincoln Papers
General Correspondence
Abraham Lincoln to Stephen Douglas

Library of Congress
Map Collections
Map of United States, Mexico, West Indies and Central America

Library of Congress
Prosperity and Thrift: The Coolidge Era and the Consumer Economy 1921-1929
President Coolidge on the Farm, Plymouth, VT

Library of Congress
The Thomas Jefferson Papers
General Correspondence
Thomas Jefferson to George Washington

Library of Congress
Photographs from the Chicago Daily News 1902-1933
Print of Abraham Lincoln reading to his wife and son, light exposure

Library of Congress
We’ll Sing to Abe our Song, Sheet Music about Lincoln, Emancipation and the Civil War from the Alfred Whital Stern Collection of Lincolniana
Our National Union March, Most respectfully dedicated to Abraham Lincoln president of the United States by the composer, Charles Rehm

Library of Congress
Early Motion Pictures 1897-1920
President McKinley taking the Oath

Library of Congress
Washington As It Was, Photographs by Theodor Horydczak, 1923-1959
Statue and Sculptures, Bust of James Madison in Virginia State Capitol, Richmond VA

Library of Congress
Last Days of a President: Films of McKinley and the Pan-American Exposition, 1901
President McKinley’s Speech at the Pan-American Exposition.

Library of Congress
American Singing: Nineteenth Century Song Sheets
President Lincoln’s Favorite Poem

Library of Congress
By Popular Demand: Portraits of the Presidents and First Ladies 1789-Present
Gerald R. Ford, half length portrait, facing front with arms crossed
Image Sources (Collection & Image Title)

- Theodore Roosevelt on Film
  - TR attends his sons Archie's wedding at Boston, 1917

- Historic American Sheet Music, 1850-1920 From Duke University
  - Roosevelt, the Peace Victor; The Presidents Song 1905

- George Washington

- I do Solemnly Swear
  - Gerald R. Ford

- Baseball and Jackie Robinson
  - President Woodrow Wilson throwing out the first ball opening day 1916

- American Leaders Speak: Recordings from WWI and the 1920 Election 1918-1920
  - Franklin D Roosevelt

- By Popular Demand: Portraits of the Presidents and First Ladies, 1789-Present
  - President John F. Kennedy, head and shoulder portrait, facing front

- By Popular Demand: Portraits of the Presidents and First Ladies, 1789-Present
  - First official White House photograph of Mrs. John F. Kennedy, half length portrait, seated on couch, facing front

- Abraham Lincoln birthplace, Hodgenville, Larue County, KY

- Letter, Varina Davis to Montgomery Blair describing the capture of her husband, Jefferson Davis 6 June 1865

- Wonder Woman for President – Wonder Woman 1000 years in the future